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SUBJ: NEW KFAED HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

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1. KUWAIT CENTRAL TENDERS COMMITTEE HAS ISSUED INVITATION FOR SUBMITTAL OF TENDERER'S PREQUALIFICATION STATEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 16 STORY HEADQUARTERS OFFICE BUILDING FOR KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF INVITATION: BEGIN TEXT - IT IS INTENDED TO INVITE TENDERS FROM PREQUALIFIED AND SELECTED TENDERERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW OFFICE BUILDING FOR KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADJACENT TO ITS EXISTING HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN KUWAIT. THE NEW BUILDING WILL CONSIST OF 16 FLOORS OF 1,300 SQ. METERS EACH, IN ADDITION TO TWO BASEMENTS WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 10,000 SQ. METERS, AS PARKING SPACE AND FOR HOUSING MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT. THE BUILDING IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED COMPLETE WITH ALL POWER, LIGHTING, HVAC, FIRE-FIGHTING SYSTEM, ELEVATORS AND TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

3. INTERESTED GRADE A CONTRACTORS, AND CONTRACTORS OF OTHER GRADES IN JOINT VENTURE WITH INTERNATIONALLY EXPERIENCED CONTRACTORS ARE INVITED TO REGISTER WITH A VIEW TO PREQUALIFYING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING. APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION SHALL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

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BE IN THE FORM REQUIRED IN THE PREQUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

PREPARED FOR THE PURPOSE. THE PREQUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRAL TENDERS COMMITTEE'S OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS, AT KUWAITI DINARS TWO ONLY (KD1 EQUALS \$3.50) WHICH IS NOT REFUNDABLE. APPLICATIONS MAY ALSO BE MADE FOR THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED TO THE ARCHITECTS FOR THE BUILDING, THE CENTRAL TENDERS COMMITTEE. THE QUESTIONNAIRE, IN DUPLICATE, MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CENTRAL TENDERS BOARD BY NOVEMBER 30, 1975. CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDERS COMMITTEE. END TEXT.

4. COMMENT: ARCHITECT FOR NEW KFAED HEADQUARTERS IS AMERICAN FIRM, THE ARCHITECTS COLLABORATIVE (TAC) WHO DESIGNED EXISTING KFAED HEADQUARTERS. TAC OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT BUILDING WILL HAVE TO BE BUILT BY QUALIFIED INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

INVITATION SPECIFIES THAT GRADE A CONTRACTORS OR CONTRACTORS OF OTHER GRADES IN JOINT VENTURE WITH INTERNATIONALLY EXPERIENCED CONTRACTORS ARE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS. NO KUWAITI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING THIS PROJECT BY ITSELF, AND TAC REP. TOLD EMBOFF KFAED PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HIRING AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IN LIGHT NOVEMBER 30 DEADLINE COMMERCE REQUESTED ADVISE EMBASSY ASAP OF U.S. COMPANIES WHICH MAY BE INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT SO THAT EMBASSY CAN ADVISE CENTRAL TENDERS COMMITTEE AND ATTEMPT TO EXTEND DEADLINE IF NECESSARY. STOLTZFUS

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